

**Advisory Committee on the U.S. Geological Survey's Bird Banding Laboratory
Summary of Meeting February 22 and 23 2006**

February 22 and 23 2006- Coalescing the Issues

The Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) was convened for its second meeting at 8:30 A.M. on February 22, 2006 at the headquarters of Ducks Unlimited, Inc in Memphis, TN.

In accordance with Public Law 92-463 the meeting was open to the public for its entirety.

Committee members present:

Mr. Paul Schmidt, Co-Chair	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Dr. Susan Haseltine, Co-Chair	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Mr. Daniel James	USGS/ Designated Federal Officer
Dr. David Bonter	Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Dr. Paul Doherty	Colorado State University
Ms. Ellen Paul	The Ornithological Council
Mr. Brad Bales	National Flyway Council/IAFWA
Dr. C. John Ralph	North American Banding Council
Dr. Richard Lancia	The Wildlife Society
Dr. Jasper Lament	Ducks Unlimited
Mr. Rick Young	Pheasants Forever
Dr. David DeSante	Institute for Bird Populations
Dr. Joseph Jehl	Retired Ornithologist/Bander

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Charles Francis	Canadian Wildlife Service
Dr. Paul Green	National Audubon Society

Also present:

Dr. John Rogers—Facilitator, The Conservation Fund
Ms. Monica Tomosy—Chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, PWRC
Dr. Graham Smith—Research Manager, PWRC
Mr. Paul Dresler—Coordinator, Status and Trends of Biological Resources Program, USGS
Mr. Robert Blohm—Assistant Chief, Migratory Bird Management Office, FWS
Ms. Lesley-Anne Howes—Bird Banding Biologist, National Wildlife Research Centre, Canadian Wildlife Service (representing Dr. Francis)
Dr. Bob Szaro—Chief Scientist for Biology, USGS

No members of the public were in attendance

The Committee reviewed and approved, without change, the minutes of its first meeting on November 29 and 30, 2005.

The task for the entire two days of the meeting was to refine the rough list of issues that the Committee identified at its first meeting. Once the list was refined the Committee worked to further develop the details of the issues identified. This involved working through the list of issues one by one with the members raising in outline format the points they believe that should be made about each in a final document. Finally, recommendations to resolve outstanding problems were suggested.

For the next step, the Committee identified a smaller subgroup to serve as a writing team for the first draft of the report. This team is to put the entire document in a consistent format, create text around each of the issues, and draft recommendations. Where agreement was not achieved, or where points need to be resolved, the writing team will so note in its product. This first rough draft is to be ready for the entire Committee before its next meeting. It is anticipated that the writing team may be required to meet once or twice.

Finally, the public was offered an opportunity to comment, but as no members of the public were present, there was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. on February 23, 2006.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Susan Haseltine, Ph.D.
Co-Chair
Federal Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory

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March 8, 2006
Date

Paul Schmidt
Co-Chair
Federal Advisory Committee on the Bird Banding Laboratory

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March 10, 2006
Date

The Committee at its next meeting will formally consider these minutes, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.